

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Illinois River in northeastern Oklahoma is a free flowing River of exceptional water quality and beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois River possesses such unique characteristics and value to the citizens of this State and has been designated a State Scenic River; and

WHEREAS, many people have concluded that the Illinois River is currently experiencing continuing degradation of aesthetic character and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas, in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, have initiated a basinwide study of the River from its head waters in Arkansas to Lake Tenkiller in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, my office is a member of the Steering Committee for this basinwide study;

NOW THEREFORE, I, George Nigh, Governor of the State of Oklahoma do proclaim the formation of the Technical Advisory Task Force for the Illinois River to provide my office timely and thorough technical review and advice during the course of the aforementioned basinwide study of the Illinois River;

Personnel to serve on this Task Force shall be chosen by me on the basis of their knowledge, expertise, and accomplishments in the field of water quality control or study from public agencies and universities of Oklahoma. A list of those persons currently composing the Task Force membership accompanies this Proclamation.

Signed this _____ day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five.

George Nigh, Governor

Governor's Technical Advisory Task Force for the Illinois River

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